

USAID Development Grants Program

USAID is pleased to announce the **Development Grants Program** (**DGP**), an opportunity for local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that have limited or no experience managing direct USAID grants. The DGP will broaden USAID's direct engagement with local NGOs to implement sustainable and effective development programs in the following sectors: Environment, Women's Empowerment, and Microenterprise. A description of the program and submission details can be found at www.grants.gov under Funding Opportunity Number: M-OAA-GRO-ALPS-09-001-LOCAL.

USAID will conduct an information session to answer questions about this program on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at the U.S. Embassy located at 11 George Balanchine Street in Tbilisi, Georgia. Organizations interested in attending this session must register in advance by no later than Thursday, October 2 at 6 pm Tbilisi local time. Individuals who have not registered by this time will not be permitted entry to the session. To register, send the organization's name and the name of the individuals that will attend (maximum two per organization) via email to RCOCaucasus@usaid.gov. Questions must be submitted in writing via email to RCOCaucasus@usaid.gov by no later than October 1 at 6 pm Tbilisi local time. The full text of the session's questions and answers will be posted under the Procurement section of the USAID/Georgia website: http://georgia.usaid.gov on October 15, 2008.